

In addition to her community activism, Rose Kennedy, together with her husband Robert, brought a sense of family to eighteen children: four adopted and fourteen fostered. She explained, "These kids needed love and that was about all we had to give them."

The oldest of six children, Rosalie Kennedy spent her entire life in her North Toledo neighborhood. After marriage, she and her husband were involved in veterans' organizations—heading up the Toledo chapter of the DAV in the 1950's—in addition to neighborhood groups. She worked with the Northriver Development Corporation and the Economic Opportunity and Planning Association. Civic-minded as well, Rose served for many years as her precinct's Democratic committeewoman. Rounding out her community and civic responsibilities, she also served her faith as Secretary to her church, Salem Lutheran Church.

In spite of her family and community demands, Rose found time to enjoy her hobbies of crochet and crossword puzzles and reading. She was an ordinary woman who accomplished extraordinary feats. To her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, we extend our heartfelt sympathy. Rose Kennedy lived life large, and her actions left a lasting legacy. We will miss her earnest resolve, her unrelenting dedication, and the loving gift she gave of herself.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 4, 2004

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, because my flight, United Airlines #950 was cancelled due to mechanical problems, I was absent from votes on February 3rd. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea" on rollcall vote Nos. 12, 13 and 14.

HONORING THE NORTHERN CIRCLE INDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 4, 2004

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority (NCIHA) as it celebrates its 25th Anniversary.

The NCIHA is the Tribally Designated Housing Entity (TDHE) for eight federally recognized Indian Tribes in Northern California. Originally created in 1980, the NCIHA is a valuable asset to Butte, Colusa, Lake, Mendocino and Sonoma Counties, providing safe and sanitary housing for low and moderate-income Native American families. The NCIHA is governed by a twenty member Board of Commissioners and staffed by 17 dedicated employees.

Over its 25-year history, the NCIHA has built 324 housing units in nine locations, directing \$60 million in construction planning and development programs. The organization manages an additional 232 housing units located in seven reservation communities. The NCIHA also administers a down payment as-

sistance home ownership program, rental subsidy programs, housing rehabilitation and replacement services for member tribes.

In addition to these services, the NCIHA has worked to develop a Community Housing Development Organization to access state funding and increase housing opportunities for Native Americans. The NCIHA is sharing valuable resources and providing technical support with the newly formed United Native Housing Development Corporation to help assure its success.

Mr. Speaker, the accomplishments of the NCIHA are recognized by many, most notably by the Office of Native American Programs, who awarded the NCIHA a Certificate of Excellence in 2000 and declared the organization one of the best of its kind. With the support of both the federal government and private foundations, the NCIHA is committed to the establishment of healthy communities for the Native Americans it serves. In addition to constructing and managing sufficient housing, NCIHA builds infrastructure including roads, water and sanitation facilities, and electric services.

Mr. Speaker, for its commitment to serving the Native American population of Northern California, it is appropriate that we honor the employees and board of the Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority as they recognize their 25th anniversary.

IN MEMORY OF JUDGE ELMO B. HUNTER

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 4, 2004

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I inform the House of the death of the Honorable Elmo B. Hunter of Kansas City, MO.

Judge Hunter earned his law degree from the University of Missouri in 1938. He went on to post-graduate work at the University of Michigan. Judge Hunter served his country in World War II with the United States Army, working in military intelligence. When he came home he joined the law firm of Sabree, Shook, Hardy & Hunter in Kansas City.

Judge Hunter served on the bench as a state circuit judge from 1951 to 1957 and moved on to serve as a state appeals judge in that year. He remained in this post until 1965, when President Lyndon Johnson appointed him to the federal bench.

In recognition for his service, Judge Hunter was awarded the Edward J. Devitt Distinguished Service to Justice Award in 1987. He was also the recipient of the American Judicature Society's Distinguished Service Award and served as the society's chairman and president. In 1991, the American Judicature Society saw fit to found the Elmo B. Hunter Citizens Center for Judicial Selection. The center researches nonpartisan, merit-based judicial selections, sponsors national forums, monitors state judicial reform projects and educates international visitors on the U.S. judicial selection process.

Mr. Speaker, Elmo Hunter was a valuable member of the judiciary and a credit to his profession. I know the Members of the House will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to his family: his wife, Shirley; his daughter

Nancy; and all of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

RECOGNIZING THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF SAM MAMULA

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 4, 2004

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Sam Mamula of Breckenridge, Colorado for his exemplary public service.

Mr. Mamula has proven his dedication to Breckenridge. He has held a variety of local government positions during his residency, including 8 years on the town planning commission and 8 years on the town council before becoming Breckenridge's mayor.

The citizens of Breckenridge have benefited greatly from Mr. Mamula's dedicated leadership. Specifically, Mr. Mamula has taken leadership roles in Breckenridge's use of biodiesel in its diesel municipal vehicles which is reducing pollution in Colorado.

Mr. Mamula has also been a tireless advocate for affordable housing in Summit County and was recognized nationally when Breckenridge won an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) National Award for Smart Growth Achievement in the built projects category for the Wellington Neighborhood affordable housing project. This project included a cooperative partnership among the town of Breckenridge, Summit County, the Environmental Protection Agency, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and a private developer.

The dedication, enthusiasm and activism with which Mr. Mamula has pursued his work deserves our most sincere thanks. Thus, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Mr. Sam Mamula for his service and many contributions to his community. He is much appreciated.

For the benefit of our colleagues, I am attaching a copy of a recent story about Mr. Mamula that appeared in the Summit Daily News.

[From the Summit Daily News, Jan. 28, 2004]

MAMULA TO END A POLITICAL ERA

We have to admit it. We are big Sam Mamula fans. Nobody is sorer than we are that the Breckenridge mayor is stepping down after one term as hizzoner.

Mamula is a quote machine without peer, except for County Commissioner Tom Long. In this business, we like that.

The thing about Mamula is that he always makes a point. We like that even better.

Usually, his point is about the quality of life in the greater Breckenridge area. With Mamula at the top spot in town, locals knew they had somebody battling for the soul of the Summit.

We say that with due apologies to The Summit Foundation, which considers itself the "Soul of the Summit," and with good reason.

But the battle for soul—quality of life—is really fought in the trenches of planning commissions and town councils where hundreds of small decisions add up to something ugly if somebody isn't on guard.

Ironically, one of Mamula's biggest achievements on behalf of the town and taxpayers will occur after he's left office—the huge open space purchase of the B&B Mines property in the Golden Horseshoe.